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LETTER DATED 3 MARCH 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I regret to inform you that once again the Sarajevo cease-fire and the conditions of the NATO ultimatum have been blatantly violated. Our Government is distressed that UNPROFOR forces failed to locate six Serbian tanks which were concealed from them within the "exclusion zone", and that these tanks were later driven past United Nations observers to unknown destinations, and that there was no effort to neutralize or put these tanks under United Nations control. This violation was proceeded yesterday by four grenades being fired upon Sarajevo. It is the belief of our Government that the excessive flexibility granted to Serbian forces vis-à-vis the ultimatum only encourages further transgression. As such, failure to negate the firing capability of the aforementioned tanks by whatever means only emboldened Serbian forces to again shell Sarajevo. Failure to take effective action to ensure compliance with the ultimatum will only lead to more flagrant and potentially deadly violations. This trend by Serbian forces of partial compliance followed by total disregard has been well documented, as well as its consequences for the civilian population.

We ask that the Security Council do its utmost to see to it that Serbian forces comply with the provisions of the current cease-fire in Sarajevo and that the terms of resolutions 824 and 836 be fully implemented.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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